

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MISS JUANITA CASTRO BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
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Mr. Chairman, distinguished members:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the name of the inescapable duty of all individuals and institutions --who believe in the ideals of liberty and justice-- to act firmly to preserve our Christian civilization, I thank you for this opportunity to contribute to that noble cause by describing the tragic experience which the Cuban people are suffering. I also wish to alert the conscience of those who are concerned about the fate of Mankind through the personal testimony I can offer concerning the Castro-communist plans for intervention and aggression in the Americas.

My voice, my actions, and the information I may be able to give on the communist plans against all countries of the American Continent, are not enough to describe the danger facing both the large and the small nations of this Hemisphere.

The aggressive communist system and the pro-communist minorities that serve as its tools in the different countries, as well as in their base of operations in Cuba, will never renounce their purpose to extend their borders through intervention and force, though they may appear to be using a different strategy and may swear that they are following the "coexistence line". Communism is, and will always be aggressive by its very nature. So are those who act as its tools. Its danger is not in direct relation to the number of followers or agents they have in every country and who comprise a fanatic minority, but rather to their continuous activities and their constant lying with the purpose of gaining followers and using the liberal and progressive-minded individuals who are ignorant of the danger to themselves and their countries, and who let themselves be led, thus indirectly coinciding with the communists.

Those of us who have suffered the inhuman communist experiment have learned this lesson well.

Those of us in Cuba who believed sincerely in freedom, peace, work, the right to happiness and social progress were used by the communist minority.

That communist minority operated among the ranks of the Cuban Revolution, just as it has operated before and continues to operate now inside governments and institutions that have given it the opportunity to infiltrate them. When the Cuban Revolution came into power, that minority, which we did not believe could be so dangerous, seized the Revolution. Enslaved the Cuban people, surrendered the country to communist imperialism and thwarted all hope for peace, justice, freedom and social progress.

For this reason we affirm that no one can be a revolutionary, a democrat, a liberal, a pacifist and a believer in progress if one is not an anticommunist also. Communism is the exact opposite of a progressive democracy. By the same token, one cannot be good if one is not against evil and those who represent evil.

We must vigorously oppose communist minorities. Those who wish to follow the example of the ostrich, those who become afraid of them, those who believe that they will have no problem as long as they do not oppose communist minorities --as is the case with some institutions and governments-- that they will be able to work for social progress; those who believe this, are entirely wrong, and they shall be the first victims of these communist minorities once they come into power.

Those who believe this are using the wrong strategy, and they should learn the lessons of History. They should observe carefully the fate of the peoples, leaders, liberal thinkers, and all those who profess progressive opinions once communism is in power and takes over a country. All of those who did not oppose it and were its allies, directly or indirectly, have become its victims and so have their nations.

I am one of that vast number of men and women all over the world, who wish for freedom, peace, happiness and social progress to attain a decent life. I am convinced --as are all of us who suffered the communist betrayal-- that to achieve these goals of Mankind we all must be, firmly and courageously, progressive democrats as well as anticommunists. At the same time, we must be firm in our support of democracy and

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against the communist system which is both reactionary and inhuman.

The people of every nation must have the right to social improvement, freedom, work, peace and happiness. But the only way to accomplish this is through social evolution, which is to say through democratic revolutions, like those that have taken place in many countries of the free world, among them the United States of America.

This is the process that the communist minorities are trying to destroy by exploiting the honest struggles of those peoples who are trying to achieve greater social progress. The reason is that these minorities are completely fanatical and serve as the means to establish communist dictatorships.

The castro-communist regime and those of Russia and Red China know that firm and courageous democratic action dooms their plans for world domination to failure. That is why they loudly repeat, over and over, their fanatic watchwords against the actions of deliverance in Vietnam and Santo Domingo. They want us to give them a free hand so they can devour peoples and nations.

Communist leaders, and I know this because of the reaction I personally noticed in Fidel Castro, wish nothing better than to be confronted by irresolute and timid adherents of democracy, liberals and pacifists. These irresolute and timid individuals, they say, are their best allies.

Fidel Castro, Russia and Red China are now feeling the defeat of their hopes to dominate peoples and nations do to the firm and brave action of the United States and their President, who have faced the communist challenge, putting a stop to its advance that had already become open and shameless. Every day they took over more and more land. Every day the ambitious minds of the Communist International and their tools planned new aggressions. From this day forward, if this firm action on the part of democracy is maintained, the communists will know that they will not be able to enslave more peoples, and that the time will come when those who are in their power shall decide on the positive step that will start them along the road to freedom.

I know that the Vietnamese and the Dominican people, and the Cuban people, as well, are grateful for the life saving action undertaken in Vietnam and Santo Domingo. I know that my people feel no longer forsaken, and that they nourish the hope that they shall not be alone in their fight to obtain their freedom and the social improvement they longed for and which was thwarted by the treason and deceit of a communist minority. A minority that will, whenever given the chance, dominate any majority.

I want to make a humanitarian appeal to save my people and the other endangered nations. Communist imperialism and its instrument in the Americas, Fidel Castro, are planning to take over this entire Hemisphere. This is no secret.

Firm and decisive action on the part of the Organization of American States is necessary also on the part of the leaders --as President Johnson has done-- not only of the leaders but of the people-- as the Dominicans have done, as the Cubans will do-- as shall all of us men and women who love freedom, peace and social improvement.

All of us, united, must act with swiftness. The OAS must not hesitate. While they hold discussions, the communist minorities take over still more popular movements. They must discuss and approve, in advance, whatever action must be taken to support the people and prevent the communist minorities from thwarting their hopes and enslaving them.

My people; all enslaved peoples; all the peoples who long for social improvement in freedom, all the men and women who know the way to achieve these goals and know who their enemies are, will welcome this firm and courageous democratic action in the same manner they have welcomed President Johnson's action, and that of the Vietnamese, of the Dominicans and of my people who, unarmed, day in and day out face the oppression, terror and crime decreed by the inhuman communist system.

We must not let ourselves be misguided by the fanatical cries of the communist minorities and of those who unwittingly become their instruments. We must listen instead to the democratic majorities who approve and support this action that will save their nations.

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